1991. No death, however, has been reported. Most of the cases were reported from scattered areas and no clustering of cases was noticed.

(b) The situation was regularly reviewed by the Union Health Secretary in series of meetings held with the concerned officials. A committee was also set up under his chairmanship for this purpose.

The following measures to control water borne diseases were taken with particular emphasis in J.J. Cluster/re-settlement colonies :

1. Provision of safe drinking water in adequate quantity in all vulnerable areas.
2. Dissemination of appropriate health education through various channels.
3. Surveillance and continuous monitoring of water borne diseases.
4. Regular removal of garbage and desilting of drains.
5. Distribution of chlorine tablets and O.R.S. packets.
6. Ban on sale of exposed/cut fruits and other unhygenic food items.

Revision of Pay Scale of Pharmacists

2424. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the revision of scale of pay of Pharmacists has been pending since very long;

(b) if so, by when it would be settled; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that a Pharmacist does not get promotion during his service career and if so, what steps are being taken in order to ensure that atleast two/three promotions are given in their service career just like other Government employees ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) to (c) The matter relating to the pay scale and promotion avenues of pharmacists is under consideration of the Government.

Working time schedule of C.G.H.S. Dispensaries in Delhi/New Delhi

2425. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the time schedule for working of C.G.H.S. dispensaries in Delhi/New Delhi is not being followed; and

(b) whether random checking is being done by the Director, C.G.H.S. weekly, fortnightly or monthly and if not the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Random checking is being done by Director and Zonal Additional Directors of their respective dispensaries and Chief Medical Officers.

Ban on Polio Vaccine consignment in Bihar

2426. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the Government of Bihar has completely banned the recent consignment of polio-vaccine received by it from the DGHS store from the Central Health Directorate, New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are also aware that the ban on polio vaccine by the State Government would abort the polio vaccination programme in the State during the current year; and

(d) if so, what remedial action Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA